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TAGS: MASS, MARR, MU, US

SUBJECT: OMAN REQUEST FOR NAVAL TRAINING ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 182970

1. RECEIPT REFTEL COINCIDED WITH RECEIPT, AS ANTICIPATED, OF FONOFF NOTE DATED JULY 31 ASKING EMBASSY TO EXPLORE NAVAL TRAINING POSSIBILITIES.

2. IN ABSENCE DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER SAYYID FAHER WHO EXPECTED BACK FROM MONTH-LONG EUROPEAN MOTOR TOUR AUGUST 23, AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED SUBJECT AUG 10 WITH BRIG R.F. SEMPLE, DG OF DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION, AND N.J. POLLOCK WHO IS ANOTHER SENIOR BRIT EXPATRIATE IN DEFENSE DEPT. LEFT WITH THEM LETTER ADDRESSED TO FAHER INCORPORATING SUBSTANCE REFTEL. THEY WILL UNDERTAKE TO GATHER SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON POTENTIAL TRAINEES ALONG LINES REFTEL, AND IN CONSULTATION WITH OMANI NAVAL COMMAND WILL PREPARE MORE SPECIFIC PRIORITY LIST OF NAVAL SKILLS IN WHICH THE FIRST TRAINEES NEED INSTRUCTION ONCE THEIR ENGLISH, MATH AND SCIENCE CAN BE BROUGHT UP TO ENTERING STANDARDS FOR USN SCHOOLS.

3. SEMPLE AND POLLOCK READILY SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND BASIC  
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THRUST OF REFTEL, E.G. THAT OMANI CANDIDATES MUST RAISE THEIR

GENERAL EDUCATION LEVEL PRIOR TO PLACEMENT IN USN SCHOOLS. THEY FOCUSED THEIR CONCERN ON WHETHER WE MIGHT BE ABLE PUT THEM IN TOUCH WITH EXPERIENCED AND SYMPATHETIC INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION AT WASHINGTON END WHO COULD DEAL IN PRACTICAL WAY TO ARRANGE PLACEMENT OF OMANI TRAINEES SINGLY OR IN SMALL GROUPS IN PRIVATE U.S. SCHOOLS. (THEY DEAL THROUGH PERSON OF THIS TYPE IN LONDON IN ARRANGING EQUIVALENT PRE-SERVICE SCHOOL LANGUAGE AND OTHER EDUCATION FOR OMANI CANDIDATES SENT THERE, AND FIND THIS PROCEDURE WORKS WELL.) THEY OBVIOUSLY DOUBTED OMANI EMBASSY WASHINGTON WOULD HAVE REQUISITE KNOWLEDGE TO DO THIS SATISFACTORILY UNLESS IT RECEIVED MUCH MORE SELECTIVE GUIDANCE FROM DOD THAN THE LIST OF INSTITUTIONS MENTIONED PARA 3 REFTEL.

4. COMMENT. THERE MAY BE MORE DEFINITIVE OMANI REACTION, PRO OR CON, ONCE FAHER APPRISED OF OUR RESPONSE. IN MEANTIME, WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW IN MORE DETAIL THE EXTENT OF ASSISTANCE DOD/USN IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE IN GETTING OMANIS PLACED FOR THEIR ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND OTHER PREPARATORY SCHOOLING. WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE A VERY INDIVIDUALIZED, HAND-LED PROCESS IF OPTIMUM RESULTS ARE TO BE ACHIEVED AND POOR PLACEMENT AVOIDED.

5. ACTION REQUESTED. RECOMMEND DEPT PASS AS APPROPRIATE TO FOLLOWING AS INFO ADDRESSEES: CNO WASHDC, JCS WASHDC, DLIEL LACKLAND AFB TX, USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GER, COMIDEASTFOR. WOLLE

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